Articles to be examined by the Chemical Examiner to Government.

READ—

Government Order No. 11665—Mis. F. 28-96 of 17th March 1898, fixing the rates of fees to be levied in the case of articles tendered by firms and private parties for examination by the Chemical Examiner and Bacteriologist to Government.

2. Letter No. 584, dated 1st December 1925, from the Director of Public Health Institute, proposing the addition of the following two items to those enumerated in the Government Order of 1898 read above:—

8	Wassermann Test for Syphilis	.. Rs. 15
9	Examination of Blood, Sputum, Urine, etc.	.. „ 5

ORDER NO. G. 7852-5—SANY. 54-25-5, DATED 29TH MARCH 1926.

The addition of the two items proposed at the following rate of fees is approved:-

8	Wassermann Test for Syphilis	.. Rs. 10
9	Examination of Blood, Sputum, Urine, etc.	.. „ 3

R. RANGA RAO,
Secretary to Government,
Medical and Agricultural Departments.

REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Royalty on low grade Manganese Ore.

READ—

Representation by the Superintendent, United Steel Co., Ltd., Shimoga, dated 25th November 1925, requesting for reasons stated, that the present rates of royalty on Manganese Ore may be reduced, as under low grade ore of 44 per cent and below, from annas 12 to annas 6 and under ores of higher grade from Rs. 1-4-0 to annas 12 per ton.

2. Letter No. C.—621-1, dated 20th January 1926, from the Director of Geology, submitting his report in the matter.

ORDER NO. I. C. 6545—GEOL. 73-25-4, DATED 23RD MARCH 1926.

The Director of Geology states that the present rate of royalty on high grade ores, *i. e.*, above 44 per cent does not require to be reduced, but that, in the case of low grade manganese ore below 42 per cent the market conditions are very unfavourable, and that it is difficult for mining companies to work them with a reasonable margin of profit at the present rate. He therefore recommends that the royalty on low grade manganese ore containing not more than 44 per cent of manganese may be reduced to 6 annas per ton as requested by the United Steel Company, in order to encourage the several licensees and lessees to continue their mining work.

2. In the circumstances, Government are pleased to direct that the royalty on low grade manganese ore (44 per cent and below) be reduced from annas 12 to 6 annas a ton for a period of 2 years.

A notification in this respect will issue separately.

No change is called for in the rates of royalty on higher grade ore.

B. SRINIVASA IYENGAR,
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.